

Public Order Counter Tactics

In Victoria there has been only spasmodic deployment of counter tactics to Police public order tactics.

World wide though there has been some quite significant counter tactics developed.

With advent of social media and internet it is only a matter of time before international tactics are used here.

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It is therefore important for members to have awareness of the possibility of protestor counter tactics and hopefully identify the tactics early.

Members should communicate observations up to supervisors upon identification of protestor tactics.

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- Protestors now regularly wear eye protection or full face coverings to combat OC foam.



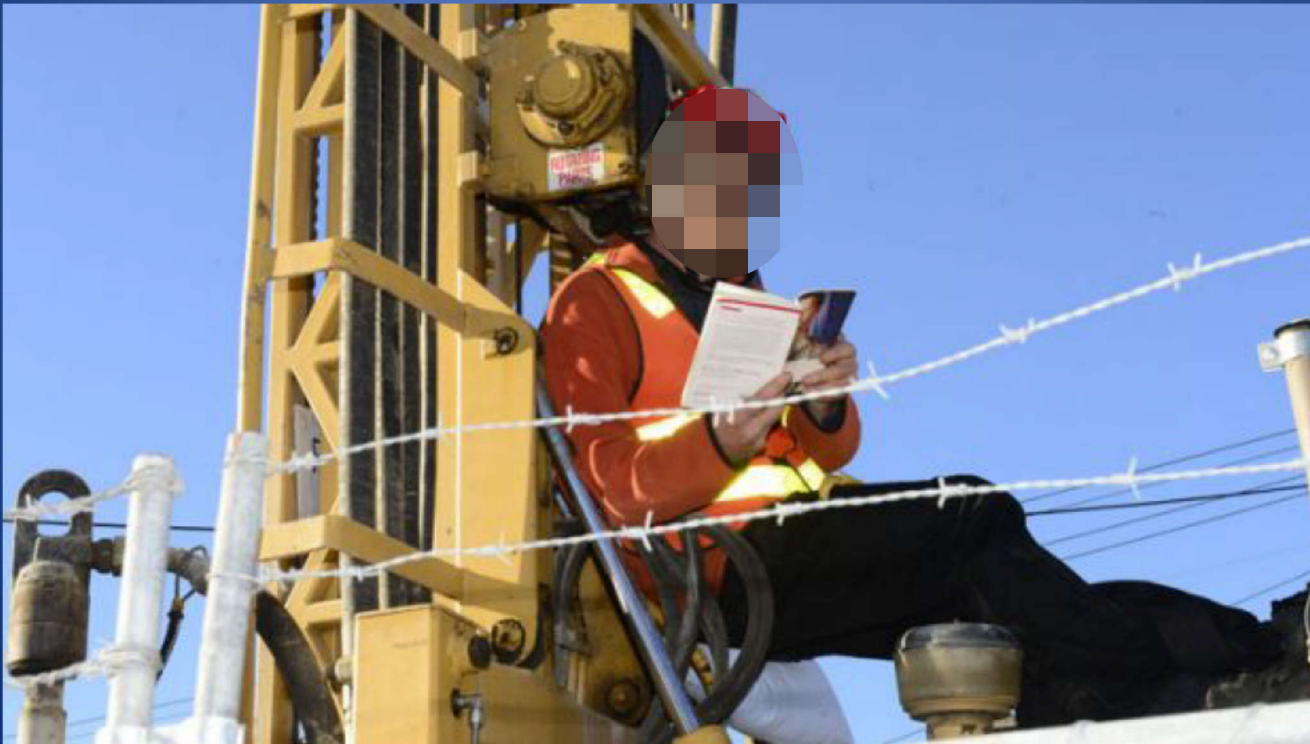
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- Protestors sit down and lock arms



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- Protesters lock onto devices to prevent work or site access.
(Bicycle D-lock around neck)



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- Hard-core fans use banners to hide flares being lit.



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- Protestors stand with back to police lines and lean back on members. Also kick back with heels to shins or feet
- Use of banners as a mobile barrier to prevent police response or attempt to breach lines
- Walking protestors approaching police start to sprint directly at the police line in an attempt to overwhelm it

Public Order Counter Tactics Overseas

- There have been many recorded instances over the years particularly in Great Britain where the basics of Public Order Policing have emanated
- Vancouver Police actually have incorporated practical counter tactic training into their PORT course because of the tactics used against them

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- Use of extension ladder or reinforced banner to use as a battering ram



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- Use of large rope to trip or pull police down from behind



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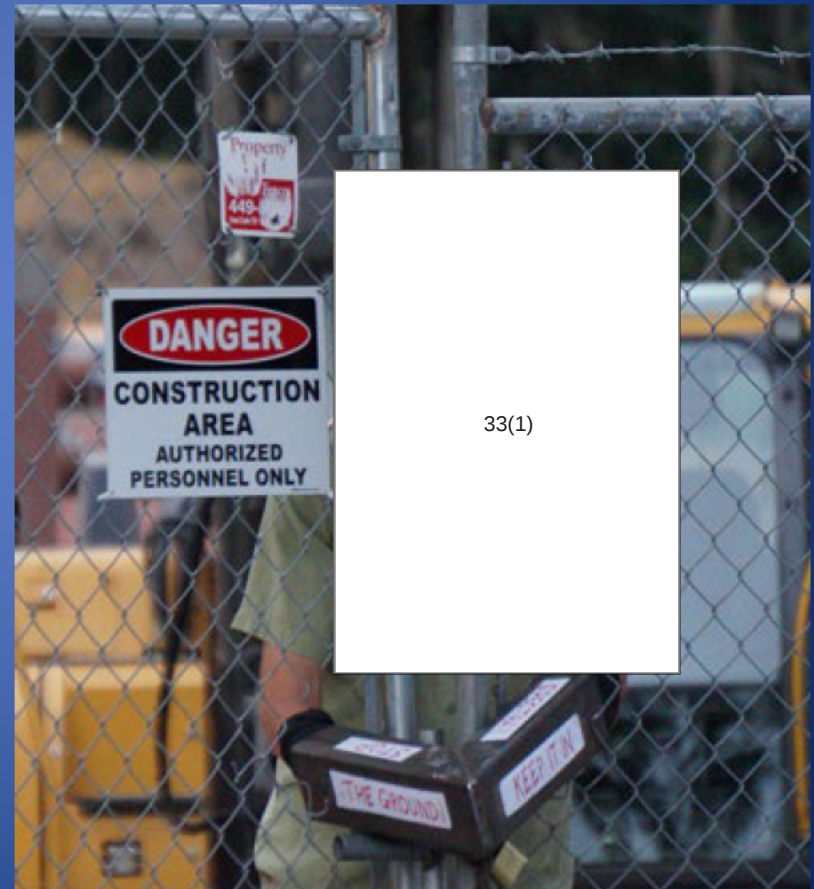
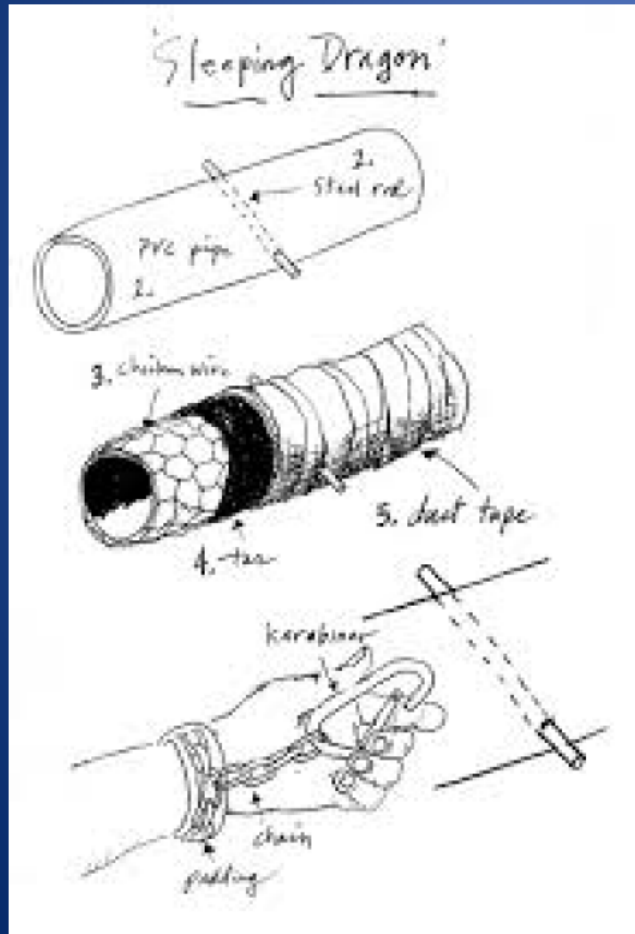
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- Black Bloc – All protesters wear black to help hide identity.



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- Sleeping Dragons



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- The Metropolitan Police have encountered the use of a secured Wi-Fi network which is run through a back pack carried by a protestor. A password is supplied to protestors for them to access on their mobile phones. This allows protest organisers to control the crowd without have to use voice commands that could be overheard by police

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